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I'm completely appalled by the so-called settlement that the government has reached with Microsoft. When will you people learn that the only thing that will stop MS from doing what it does is to go ahead and break it up. Microsoft only understands the raw use of power. The only entity that has the power to keep Microsoft from doing what it does best (gobbling up all its competitors because it has a monopoly) is to break it up into pieces so that others have the possibility of keeping the Internet and the computing world diverse.

The recent revelations of serious security holes in Microsoft's latest operating system and the hideous security implications of the new .Net Passport technology should only serve to reinforce this sort of strategy. Minimizing Microsoft's power to keep engaging in anti-competitive behavior is in the best interest of the whole world.

Thanks.

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